Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as

amended. Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled.

Therefore, claims 1-33 are present for examination.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

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The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

unpatentable over Rzeszewski et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,699,125 ("Rzeszewski"). Claim 1 has

been amended to recite,

"receiving a user identification;

"searching a set of user-definable preference lists that each identify a plurality of

channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel

using a different transport medium from another source, to identify preference lists for the

identified user;

"presenting the identified preference lists to the user;

"receiving a selection of a presented identified preference list from the user;"

The amendments are based on the specification at page 12, lines 5-19, and page 13,

line 9 - page 14, line 21. Neither reference teaches or suggests the features of these

additional limitations. Accordingly, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable over the cited

combination. Claims 6, 11, and 16 have been amended to contain similar recitations and are

believed to be allowable on the same grounds. The remaining ones of Claim 1-24 depend

from one of the above-mentioned claims and are believed to be allowable on that basis among others.

Claims 25 and 29 are based on Claims 1 and 11, respectively and recite providing an indication to the user when the user has completed a cycle of the preferences list. This feature is discussed in the application at page 21, lines 22 et seq. and is neither taught nor suggested by the cited references. Claims 26 and 30 recite automatically selecting additional ones of the plurality of identified channels at predetermined intervals. This feature is discussed in the application at page 22, lines 1 et seq. and is also neither taught nor suggested by the cited references. Claims 26-28 and 30-33 depend from Claim 25 or 29. Accordingly, new claims 25-33 are believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.
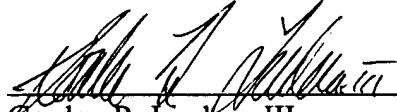
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1.   (Amended) A computerized method comprising:

receiving a user identification;

searching a set of user-definable preference lists that each identify a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel using a different transport medium from another source, to identify preference lists for the identified user;

presenting the identified preference lists to the user;

receiving a selection of a presented identified preference list from the user;

accessing the selected~~a user-definable~~ preferences list ~~that identifies a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel using a different transport medium from another source~~; and

selecting one of the plurality of identified channels from one of the plurality of different sources for provision to the~~a~~ user.

6.   (Amended) An article comprising:

a storage medium; and

the storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by a processor, result in:

receiving a user identification;

searching a set of user-definable preference lists that each identify a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel

using a different transport medium from another source, to identify preference lists for the

identified user;

presenting the identified preference lists to the user;

receiving a selection of a presented identified preference list from the user;

accessing the selected~~a user-definable~~ preferences list~~ that identifies a plurality of

channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel

using a different transport medium from another source~~; and

selecting one of the plurality of identified channels from one of the plurality of

different sources for provision to the~~a~~ user.

11.   (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage device to store a set of user-definable preferences list that identify~~identifies~~

a plurality of channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least

one channel using a different transport medium from another source;

a user interface controller to receive a user identification;

a channel selector, coupled to the storage device and the user interface, to search the

set of user-definable preference lists to identify preference lists for the identified user and

select one of the identified preference lists using input received from the user interface

controller; and

a channel selection controller, coupled to the storage device, to access the selected

user-definable preferences list and select one of the plurality of identified channels for

provision to the~~a~~ user.

16.   (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for storing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of

channels from a plurality of different sources, each source providing at least one channel

using a different transport medium from another source;

means for receiving a user identification;

means, coupled to the storage device and the user interface, for searching the set of

user-definable preference lists to identify preference lists for the identified user and for

selecting one of the identified preference lists using input received from the user interface

controller; and

means, coupled to the storage device, for accessing the selected user-definable

preferences list and selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to the a

user.

21-33. (New)